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AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON THE NEW
PROGRAMME OF WORK AND INSTITUTIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS ON ARTICLE 8(J) AND OTHER
PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION RELATED
TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL
COMMUNITIES

Manaus, Brazil, 11–13 July 2023

Annotated provisional agenda

Introduction

1. By its decision [15/10](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity decided to develop a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities. The new programme of work and institutional arrangements is to be aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and developed with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities. In order to advance work in this regard, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in paragraph 7 of the same decision, to convene an ad hoc technical expert group.

2. Accordingly, with the generous support of Brazil and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Acting Executive Secretary is convening the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the New Programme of Work and Institutional Arrangements on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Manaus, Brazil, from 11 to 13 July 2023. The Expert Group is to provide advice on the further elaboration of the new programme of work on, and the possible institutional arrangements for, Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities, including the future *modus operandi* for the implementation of Article 8(j). The Expert Group shall:

(a) Further elaborate possible elements, tasks and actors of a new programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities based on annexes I and II to decision [15/10](#), as well as the results of the peer review of annex II to decision [15/10](#), referred to in recommendation [11/2](#) of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, ensuring alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

(b) Elaborate options for institutional arrangements and their *modus operandi* that would allow for the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention, taking into consideration the options contained in paragraph 9 of decision 14/17, information on the legal, organizational and financial implications of each option and the rules of procedure for meetings of bodies established under the Convention.

3. The Expert Group is also tasked with preparing a report on the outcomes of its work for consideration by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its twelfth meeting, scheduled to be held in Geneva from 12 to 16 November 2023.

4. Through notification [2023-019](#), the Acting Executive Secretary invited Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations to nominate experts to participate in the Expert Group. The selection of experts was carried out in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. Consideration was given to expertise across all aspects of relevance to the development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements for Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities. Geographical representation and gender balance were also taken into account during the selection process. In accordance with its terms of reference, as provided in annex III to decision [15/10](#), the Expert Group will be composed of experts and constituted according to the modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, adjusted to ensure full participation of indigenous peoples and local communities.

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

5. The meeting will be opened by the Acting Executive Secretary or his representative at 10 a.m. on 11 July 2023.

Item 2. Organizational matters

(a) Election of officers

6. After introducing themselves, the experts will be invited to elect two co-chairs, one from the Parties and one from indigenous peoples and local communities, in line with the established practice of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

7. Participants will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda (CBD/A8J/AHTEG/2023/1/1).

(c) Organization of work

8. Participants will be invited to adopt the proposed organization of work, as contained in annex I. The meeting will be conducted in English. The Expert Group will conduct its deliberations in plenary session. The Co-Chairs may convene small groups for consideration of specific issues, as appropriate, which will report in plenary session.

Item 3. New programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities

(a) Objectives, general principles, possible elements, tasks and actors

9. In accordance with paragraph 1 (a) of its terms of reference, the Expert Group will be invited to further elaborate possible elements, tasks and actors of a new programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities on the basis of annexes I and II to [decision 15/10](#), as well as the results of the peer review referred to in recommendation 11/2 of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions.

10. To facilitate discussions, participants will have before them document CBD/A8J/AHTEG/2023/1/2, which provides information on the results of the peer review, including cross-cutting issues and a synthesis of submissions on the possible elements of the new programme of work.

(b) Options for institutional arrangements and their modus operandi

11. Participants will be invited to elaborate options for institutional arrangements and their modus operandi that would allow for the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention, taking into consideration the options contained in paragraph 9 of decision [14/17](#), information on the legal, organizational and financial implications of each option, as contained in document CBD/A8J/AHTEG/2023/1/2, and the rules of procedure for meetings of bodies established under of the Convention.

Item 4. Other matters

12. Under this item, participants will have an opportunity to raise any other matters of relevance.

Item 5. Conclusion and recommendations

13. The Expert Group will be invited to make final remarks and recommendations.

Item 6. Adoption of report

14. The Expert Group will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report of the meeting.

Item 7. Closure of the meeting

15. The meeting is expected to close at 5 pm on 13 July 2023.

*Annex I***Proposed organization of work**

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
Tuesday, 11 July 2023	
9 am.–12 pm.	Item 1. Opening of the meeting Item 2. Organizational matters Item 3. New programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities Item 3 (a). Objectives, general principles, possible elements, tasks and actors
12–1.30 pm.	Lunch break
1.30 – 5 pm.	Item 3 (a) (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 12 July 2023	
9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Item 3 (a) (<i>continued</i>)
12–1.30 p.m.	Lunch break
1.30–5 p.m.	Item 3 (b). Options for institutional arrangements and their <i>modus operandi</i>
Thursday, 13 July 2023	
9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Item 3 (<i>continued</i>)
12–1.30 p.m.	Lunch break
1.30–5 p.m.	Item 4. Other matters Item 5. Conclusion and recommendations Item 6. Adoption of the report Item 7. Closure of the meeting

*Annex II***List of documents****Working documents**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD/A8J/AHTEG/2023/1/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/A8J/AHTEG/2023/1/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
CBD/A8J/AHTEG/2023/1/2	Analysis of the proposed programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities

Reference documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
Decision 15/10 of the Conference of the Parties	Development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities
Decision 14/17 of the Conference of the Parties	Integration of Article 8(j) and provisions related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention and its Protocols
Recommendation 11/2 of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities
